

Notes from Your President – July 2009

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Following is an updated summary of awards and presentations for the Georgia Society at the 119th Annual National Congress.

District

- The Matthew B. Sellers, III Award went to the South Atlantic District (to which Georgia belongs) to Vice President General Lindsey Brock for making the best percentage over quota based on last year's membership results.

State Society

- The Georgia Society was one of the states recognized with the C.A.R. (Children of the American Revolution) Award and Streamer for documenting its work with the C.A.R. over the past year.
- The President General's State Society Award went to Georgia in the category of 1000+ members.
- The Georgia Society received the Officers' Streamers Award as one of the states whose President and National Trustees attended both preceding Leadership meetings and the last Annual Congress.
- The Allene Wilson Groves Award was presented to the Georgia Society for presenting evidence of best implementing SAR resolutions and principles (i.e., Americanism points).
- The Admiral William R. Furlong Memorial Award went to Georgia as one of several states having over half of its chapters present at least one Flag Certificate during the year.
- A Partners in Patriotism Certificate went to the Georgia Society as one of the states working on joint activities with veterans organizations.
- The Georgia Society entrant for the Joseph Rumbaugh Oration was the third place winner nationally and we hope to schedule him to speak at the July BOM.
- Air Force JROTC, Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Treat, of Sandy Creek High School, Tyrone, Georgia, was the national third place winner of the Outstanding JROTC Cadet Award, sponsored by the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter.
- By my count, the Georgia Society mustered 20 men in uniform for the Annual Memorial Service, which I believe was the largest representation of a State Color Guard at the National Congress.
- The Georgia Society web site was not eligible for the best site award this year, having won it 3 years in a row, but will be eligible again this year.

Chapters

- The second place Carl F. Bessent Award of \$75 went to the Captain John Collins Chapter (Editor Larry Guzy) for the most outstanding chapter newsletter in its size category.
- The Robert B. Vance Award went to the Piedmont Chapter for the best chapter website based on established criteria.
- The Liberty Bell Americanism Award went to the Piedmont Chapter in its size category for best implementation of SAR resolutions and principals (i.e., Americanism points).
- The President General's Chapter Activities Competition Award for a chapter of 50 to 99 members went to the Marquis de Lafayette Chapter.
- The published program for Public Service and Heroism Awards for 2008-2009 listed the Marquis de Lafayette and Ocmulgee chapters awarding 2 of the 54 medals given nationally. The State Society and Blue Ridge, Button Gwinnett, Coweta Falls, Marquis de Lafayette, and Ocmulgee chapters gave 11 of the 106 Law Enforcement Medals awarded nationally. The State Society and Blue Ridge Mountains and Marquis de Lafayette chapters gave 4 of the 71 Fire Safety Medals awarded nationally (Indiana gave 31 out of one chapter). The State Society gave 1 of the 30 EMS Medals given nationally. (Recipients whose names were omitted in this year's program will be included next year if e-mailed to warrenalter@cox.net.)
- Georgia Society chapters receiving a Partners in Patriotism certificate were Athens, Cherokee, Coweta Falls, John Milledge, Joseph Habersham, Lyman Hall, Marquis de Lafayette, Marshes of Glynn, Ocmulgee, Piedmont, Rome, and William Few.

Individuals

- David Sympton of Kentucky, dual member of the Georgia Society, was elected Secretary General.
- Liberty Medals were awarded to Compatriots who are first line sponsors of 10 or more new members. The following names are GASSAR members: David Jessel (Marquis de Lafayette Chapter), Hall Martin (Lyman Hall Chapter), Mike Tomme (Marquis de Lafayette Chapter), and Robert Towns (Athens Chapter). Oak Leaf Clusters were given for each additional 10 members recruited to Larry Guzy (Captain John Collins Chapter), Richard Simpson (Coweta Falls Chapter), and Bob Sapp (Piedmont Chapter).
- Charlie Newcomer (Athens Chapter) was Color Guardsman of the Year as the best representative of Color Guards and the best example of service to the ideals of the SAR by his service as a Color Guardsman.
- The Gold Samuel Adams Medal went to Larry Guzy (Captain John Collins Chapter). The Silver Samuel Adams Medal went to Mike Tomme (Marquis de Lafayette Chapter) and Douglas Stansberry (Marquis de Lafayette Chapter). Bronze Samuel Adams Medals went to Mark Anthony, Art Chapman, Walker Chewing, Hal Dayhuff, Bill Dobbs, Cilla Leed-Tomme, Terry Manning, Ginny Manning, Charlie Newcomer, Paul Prescott, Bobby Shaw, John Sloan, George Thurmond, Bobby Towns, Joe Vancura, and George Wheelless. Dual member

Wayne Rouse of Virginia and Wink Rouse received the Bronze Samuel Adams Medal. Certificates of Appreciation for volunteering for work on the Congress went to Carl Bham, Linda Bham, J An Chewning, Tom Chrisman, Bill Coffeen, Roger Coursey, Barbara Dayhuff, Russ Deutschman, Lewie Dunn, Jack Ferguson, Allen Greenly, Jackson Guest, Sara Guest, Edward Hackney, Kathy Henson, Allen Henson, Bo Bill, David Jesel, Brenda Jessel, Bob Leathers, Charlie Maney, David Martin, Curtis McWaters, Robert Moore, Malone Moore, Kline Pugh, Richard Ramsaur, Lynn Ramsaur, Charlie Rhyne, Sandra Rodgers, Hugh Rodgers, Joyce Sapp, Bob Sapp, Susan Sloan, Ted Smith, Carole Stansberry, Charles Switzer, Billy Templeton, Robin Towns, Kathie Vancura, and Betsy Vancura.

- Certificates of Appreciation went to the following members for their service as chairmen of national committees:
 - Larry Guzy (Captain John Collins Chapter) – Congress Planning
 - Charlie Newcomer (Athens Chapter) – Eagle Scout
 - George Thurmond (Piedmont Chapter) – Historic Sites & Celebrations
 - Larry Guzy (John Collins Chapter) – Task Force for CAAH Advisory
 - Douglas Stansberry (Marquis de Lafayette Chapter) – Veterans
 - David Titus (William Few Chapter) – Military Order of World Wars
- Terry Manning (Button Gwinnett Chapter) became Chairman of the Council of State Presidents to preside at the National Congress in Cleveland.
- Bobby Towns (Athens Chapter), Charlie Newcomer (Athens Chapter), and Terry Manning (Button Gwinnett Chapter) became eligible for the Silver Council of State Presidents Medal by attending their second (or more) COSP meeting.
- Jay Guest (Athens Chapter) and Clare Newcomer (Charlie Newcomer's wife – Athens Chapter) received a bronze palm fund raising medal for contributions to the Eagle Scout Fund.
- Robin Towns (Athens) of the Georgia Society Ladies Auxiliary was elected National Ladies Auxiliary Secretary.
- Charlie Newcomer (Athens Chapter) received the Gold Button and medal for contributions to the Center for Advancing America's Heritage.
- Larry Guzy (Captain John Collins Chapter) was runner-up for the position of Treasurer General.

(The chapters listed above are for the person's primary chapter.)

New National Committee Assignments

- Ed Rigel, Sr., joined the membership of the Eagle Scout Committee.
- Michael Tomme (Marquis de Lafayette) was elected to the George Washington Endowment Board for a 4-year term.
- Michael Tomme (Marquis de Lafayette Chapter) was elected Vice Commander of the NSSAR Color Guard.